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 ACTING PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL HUA KUO-FENG HOSTED THE BANQUET. PRESENT AT THE BANQUET WERE YAO LIEN-WEI, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS; CHIAO KUAN-HUA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; YU HUI-YUNG, MINISTER OF CULTURE; LIU HSIANG-PING, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH; CHUANG TSE-TUNG, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMISSION; AND HUANG CHEN, CHIEF OF THE LIAISON OFFICE OF CHINA IN THE UNITED STATES.

ACTING PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND MR NIXON PROPOSED TOASTS AT THE BANQUET. ON BEHALF OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, ACTING PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO MR AND MRS NIXON AND OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS. SPEAKING OF HIS REVISIT TO CHINA, MR NIXON SAID THAT IT WAS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO MEET SOMEONE AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF BEING APART. HE WISHED THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EVERGREEN.

PRESENT AT THE BANQUET WERE MEMBERS OF MR NIXON'S ENTOURAGE, DEPUTY CHIEF HARRY E.T. THAYER AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE LIAISON OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CHINA AND THE JOURNALISTS COVERING THE CHINA VISIT BY MR AND MRS NIXON.

IN THE COURSE OF THE BANQUET, HOSTS AND GUESTS CHATTED CORDIALLY AND THE BAND PLAYED CHINESE AND AMERICAN MUSIC.

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

MEMBERS OF THE NPC STANDING COMMITTEE PEI SHIH-CHANG, LIN CHIAO-CHIH AND FU YU-FANG;

LEADING MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE PEKING MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS WANG HAI-JUNG, CHU MU-CHIH, HSIEH CHING-I, CHAI SHU-FAN, HSIAO PENG, LIU CHENG-CHING, LIU HUA-CHING, WANG YEH-CHIU, TENG KANG, SHEN TU AND TSENG SHAO-TUNG; AND

REPRESENTATIVES OF PEKING WORKERS AND COMMUNE PEASANTS HAN CHA-HSIEN, CHANG PING-KUEI, WANG HSUEH-LI, WANG YU-JU, MA FENG-MING, CHEN YUNG-HSIANG, YIN WEI-CHEN, LI CHIN, CHU TSUNG-I AND KUO LI-YUN; REPRESENTATIVES OF MINORITY NATIONALITIES TIEN CHUNG-SHAN, JEYIHAN, HSU MING-YUEH, SHUANG PAO AND CHAHSIWANGHSU; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, LITERARY AND ART AND SPORTS CIRCLES.

TU YU-MING, HUANG WEI AND YANG NAN-TSUN WERE ALSO PRESENT. 221654 CHERRY SH 22/1725Z FEB

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RUHQHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF
RUILAAA/FBIS WASHDC
INFO RHAIBQA/USAGO MAKIMINATO JAPAN
RUEHC/SEC STATE WASHINGTON
RUESBG/AMEMB BOGATA
RHANMHA/COMNAVFOR KOREA
RHMIAAA/13AF (IN) CLARK AB PHILIPPINES
RUADFBA/FBIS TOKYO
RUADJHA/CG USARJ CAMP ZAMA/GB-I JAPAN
RUADKEA/CO 18TH TFW OKINAWA JAPAN
RUADKEA/313TH AD/CVD OKINAWA JAPAN
RUADLBA/COMNAVFOR JAPAN
RUADLEA/VOA TOKYO
RUAGAAA/COMUSKOREA
RUAJMAB/FOSIF WESTPAC
RUADANA/376TH STRAT WG/DCI
RUADANA/CG MARCORBASE CP BUTLER JAPAN
RUCLAKA/CDR 4TH PSYOP GROUP FT BRAGG NC
RUEGIAR/NFOIO FT MEADE MD
RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT
RUHGPMMA/CTG 79.1
RUHGPMMA/CTF 76
RUHJOFA/3AD/OI/ANDERSEN AFB GUAM
RUHQHQA/COMIPAC HONOLULU HI
RUHQHQA/CG FMFPAC
RULHSAD/DOD SPECREP OKINAWA JAPAN
RUMJHK/FBIS HONG KONG
RUMMJNA/USFJ J-2 YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN
RUMMJNA/COMAFFIVE/FIWA/YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN
RUMMJNA/5AF/IN YOKOTA AIR BASE JAPAN
RUMMWUA/COMUSNAVPAC
RUMRABA/CG THIRD MARDIV CAMP BUTLER JAPAN
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((TEXT)) PEKING, FEBRUARY 22, 1976 (HSINHUA) -- THE STATE
COUNCIL GAVE A BANQUET IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE
HERE THIS EVENING TO WARMLY WELCOME RICHARD M.
NIXON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND MR. NIXON.